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Claim Listing

Claims 1-21 (Canceled)

22. (New) A container, comprising:

(a) first and second opposing side panels;

(b) third and fourth opposing side panels;

(c) first, second, third and fourth corner panels, each said corner panel interposed between adjacent ones of said first, second, third and fourth side panels, said side panels and said corner panels forming an octagonal enclosure;

(d) first and second top flaps respectively associated with said first and second side panels by first and second top fold lines, said first top fold line coplanar with a top plane of said container;

(e) third and fourth top flaps respectively associated with said third and fourth side panels by third and fourth top fold lines, said second, third and fourth top fold lines offset from said top plane;

(f) first and second bottom flaps respectively associated with said first and second side panels by first and second bottom fold lines, said first bottom fold line coplanar with a bottom plane of said container; and

(g) third and fourth bottom flaps respectively associated with said third and fourth side panels by third and fourth fold lines, said second, third and fourth bottom fold lines offset from said bottom plane;

(h) said first, second, third and fourth corner panels each having a top end extending to said first top fold line and said top plane;

(i) said first, second, third and fourth corner panels each having a bottom end extending to said first bottom fold line and said bottom plane;

23. (New) The container of claim 22, wherein:

(a) said first top flap is flush with said first, second, third and fourth corner panel top ends when said first top flap is folded to a closed position; and

(b) said first bottom flap is flush with said first, second, third and fourth corner panel bottom ends when said first bottom flap is folded to a closed position.

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24. (New) The container of claim 23, wherein:

(a) said first and second top flaps are configured to conform in shape to said octagonal enclosure, said second top flap including first, second and third edges configured to contact and engage adjacent ones of said side panels when said second top flap is in a closed position; and

(b) said first and second bottom flaps are configured to conform in shape to said enclosure, said second bottom flap including first, second and third edges configured to contact and engage adjacent ones of said side panels when said second bottom flap is in a closed position.

25. (New) The container of claim 23, wherein:

(a) said second top fold line is offset from said top plane by a first offset distance;

(b) said third and fourth top fold lines are offset from said top plane by a second offset distance smaller than said first offset distance;

(c) said second bottom fold line is offset from said bottom plane by said first offset distance; and

(b) said third and fourth bottom fold lines are offset from said bottom plane by said second offset distance.

26. (New) The container of claim 24, wherein said second top flap further includes first, second, third and fourth corner edges interposed between adjacent ones of said first, second and third edges, said corner edges configured to engage adjacent ones of said corner panels when said second top flap is in said closed position.

27. (New) The container of claim 24, wherein said second bottom flap further includes first, second, third and fourth corner edges interposed between adjacent ones of said first, second and third edges, said corner edges configured to engage adjacent ones of said corner panels when said second bottom flap is in said closed position.

28. (New) The container of claim 23, further comprising a glue panel joined to one of said corner panels and configured to bond to an adjacent side panel.

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29. (New) The container of claim 23, further comprising a perforation in one of said side panels, said perforation defining a spigot pop-out.

30. (New) The container of claim 23, further comprising perforations in first and second top flaps, said perforations defining handle pop-outs.

31. (New) A container, comprising:

(a) first and second opposing, parallel side panels;

(b) third and fourth opposing, parallel side panels, said third and fourth side panels perpendicular to said first and second side panels;

(c) first, second, third and fourth corner panels, each said corner panel interposed between adjacent ones of said side panels, said side panels and said corner panels configured to form an octagonal enclosure;

(d) first and second foldable top flaps respectively associated with said first and second side panels by first and second top creases, said first top crease coplanar with a top plane of said container, said first top flap lying in said top plane when said first top flap is folded;

(e) third and fourth foldable top flaps respectively associated with said third and fourth side panels by third and fourth top creases, said second, third and fourth top creases offset from said top plane, said second, third and fourth top flaps lying below said top plane when said second, third and fourth top flaps are folded;

(f) first and second foldable bottom flaps respectively associated with said first and second side panels by first and second bottom creases, said first bottom crease coplanar with a bottom plane of said container, said first bottom flap lying in said top plane when said first top bottom is folded;

(g) third and fourth foldable bottom flaps respectively associated with said third and fourth side panels by third and fourth creases, said second, third and fourth bottom creases offset from said bottom plane, said second, third and fourth bottom flaps lying above said bottom plane when said second, third and fourth bottom flaps are folded;

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(h) said first, second third and fourth corner panels each having first, second, third and fourth top ends respectively, said first, second, third and fourth top ends extending above said second, third and fourth top creases to said top plane; and

(i) said first, second third and fourth corner panels each having first, second, third and fourth bottom ends respectively, said first, second, third and fourth top ends extending below said second, third and fourth bottom creases to said bottom plane.

32. (New) The container of claim 31, wherein:

(a) said first top flap is flush with said first, second, third and fourth corner panel top ends when said first top flap is folded to a closed position; and

(b) said first bottom flap is flush with said first, second, third and fourth corner panel bottom ends when said first bottom flap is folded to a closed position.

33. (New) The container of claim 32, wherein:

(a) said first and second top flaps are configured to conform in shape to said octagonal enclosure, said second top flap including first, second and third edges configured to contact and engage adjacent ones of said side panels when said second top flap is in a closed position; and

(b) said first and second bottom flaps are configured to conform in shape to said enclosure, said second bottom flap including first, second and third edges configured to contact and engage adjacent ones of said side panels when said second bottom flap is in a closed position.

34. (New) The container of claim 33, wherein:

(a) said second top fold crease is offset from said top plane by a first offset distance;

(b) said third and fourth top fold creases are offset from said top plane by a second offset distance smaller than said first offset distance;

(c) said second bottom fold crease is offset from said bottom plane by said first offset distance; and

(d) said third and fourth bottom fold creases are offset from said bottom plane by said second offset distance.

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35. (New) The container of claim 33, wherein said second top flap further includes first, second, third and fourth corner edges interposed between adjacent ones of said first, second and third edges, said corner edges configured to engage adjacent ones of said corner panels when said second top flap is in said closed position.

36. (New) The container of claim 33, wherein said second bottom flap further includes first, second, third and fourth corner edges interposed between adjacent ones of said first, second and third edges, said corner edges configured to engage adjacent ones of said corner panels when said second bottom flap is in said closed position.

37. (New) The container of claim 31, further comprising a glue panel joined to one of said corner panels and configured to bond to an adjacent side panel.

38. (New) The container of claim 31, further comprising a perforation in one of said side panels, said perforation defining a spigot pop-out.

39. (New) The container of claim 31, further comprising perforations in first and second top flaps, said perforations defining handle pop-outs.

40. (New) The container of claim 32, wherein:

(a) said third and fourth top flaps are foldable to positions beneath said first top flap when said first top flap is folded to a closed position;

(b) said second top flap is foldable to a position beneath said folded third and fourth top flaps;

(c) said third and fourth bottom flaps are foldable to positions above said first bottom flap when said first bottom flap is folded to closed position; and

(c) said second bottom flap is foldable to a position above said folded third and fourth bottom flaps.